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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/55/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/14/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 23,24 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification fails to provide a description of the release means.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lewis.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 22-25 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunter. To provide his arrangement with conventional magnetic braking means and his craft 14 with craft moving means e.g. engine, oars, would have been an obvious mechanical expedient.

Claims 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunter. To provide his arrangement with conventional magnetic braking means and conventional moving means e.g. conveyor, would have been an obvious mechanical expedient.

Claims 20 and 22-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trinkle. To provide his arrangement with conventional magnetic braking means would have been an obvious mechanical expedient.

Claims 20,21,25,26,37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masa in view of Lehotsky. Masa shows the claimed arrangement with the exception of the parallel tracks. Lehotsky shows parallel tracks and a harness with dual supports. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an additional of his track system in parallel relations to his first and to provide a harness with dual support for the parallel tracks, as taught by Lehotsky, to enable a stable support of a user. To provide his arrangement with conventional magnetic braking means and

conventional moving means e.g. conveyor, would have been an obvious mechanical expedient.

Claims 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masa in view of Bogren. Masa shows the claimed arrangement with the exception of the release means. Bogren shows release means at 5,23. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Masa with release means, as taught by Bogren, to facilitate release of his carrier.

Claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masa and Lehotsky, as applied to claim 20 above, and further in view of Bogren as applied above.

Claims 35,37 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lewis in view of Kendrick. Lewis shows the claimed arrangement with the exception of the fire truck. Kendrick shows guide means 16 connected to a fire truck. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a fire truck to the arrangement of Lewis, as taught by Kendrick, for supporting his guides away from a building.

Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lewis in view of Reed. Lewis shows the claimed arrangement with the exception

of the fire truck. Reed shows a rescue arrangement carried by a fire truck. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to transport the arrangement of Lewis on a fire truck, as taught by Reed, for using his arrangement on various buildings.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 22-25,27-29,31-33 and 35-38 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top

margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR

1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin C. Chin-Shue whose telephone number is 571-272-6828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Mitchell can be reached on 571-272-7069. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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